Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the present set of claims with the following amended claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for retrieving metadata for a media file accessible via a media player, said metadata including property data associated with said media file, comprising:

determining that said media file is accessed by said media player;

determining whether an identification parameter is stored on said media player;

determining whether property data is stored on said media player;

determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player;

submitting an identification parameter associated with said accessed media file to a server when said determining that said media file is accessed by said media player indicates that said media file is accessed by said media player; player; and

receiving from said server said property data corresponding to the accessed media file; and

caching said received property data with a collection ID when said determining whether said identification parameter is stored on said media player indicates that said identification parameter is stored on said media player, when said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player indicates that said property data is stored on said media player, and when said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player indicates that an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player, said determining whether said identification parameter is stored on said media player, said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player and said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player all occurring before said submitting.

Claim 2. (original) A method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising rendering said received property data on said media player for use by a user of said media player.

Claims 3-6. (canceled)

Claim 7. (currently amended) A method as set forth in ~~claim 6~~ claim 1 wherein said identification parameter is a content ID cached on said media player during prior access of said media file by said media player.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A method as set forth in ~~claim 6~~ claim 1 wherein said collection ID defines a music album comprising multiple media files accessible by said media player.

Claim 9. (original) A method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising:

determining whether a content ID associated with said accessed media file is stored on said media player, and

caching said received property data with a collection ID when said determining whether a content ID is stored on said media player indicates that said content ID is not stored on said media player, said determining whether a content ID associated with said accessed media file is not stored on said media player occurring before said submitting.

Claim 10. (original) A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said collection ID defines a music album comprising multiple media files accessible by said media player.

Claim 11. (original) A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said submitted identification parameter is a Table of Contents (TOC) stored with said media file.

Claim 12. (original) A method as set forth in claim 11 wherein said receiving comprises receiving a content ID associated with said accessed media file for subsequent submitting of said content ID as an identification parameter associated with said media file to said server.

Claim 13. (original) A method as set forth in claim 11 wherein said media file is stored on a compact disc for access of said media file via said media player.

Claim 14. (original) A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said TOC is a compact disc table of contents cataloging media files stored on said compact disc.

Claim 15. (original) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said identification parameter is at least one of a content ID, a compact disc table of contents (TOC), an AMG album ID (AID), an AMG performer ID (PID), an MSID person, an MSID album and a genre for identifying said media file.

Claim 16. (original) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said media player comprises a computer and a CD-ROM drive, said media file being stored on a compact disc inserted into the CD-ROM drive of the computer.

Claim 17. (original) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said media file is a song and said property data is associated with said song.

Claim 18. (currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising retrieving stored data from said media player relating to said media file, said stored data comprising data input by ~~said user~~ a user of said media player.

Claim 19. (original) A method as set forth in claim 18 wherein said stored data is at least one of a rating of said media file, textual information relating to said media file and lyrics associated with said media file.

Claim 20. (original) A method for retrieving metadata for a media file accessible via a media player, said metadata including property data associated with said media file, comprising:

determining whether a first identification parameter associated with said media file is stored on said media player;

submitting a second identification parameter associated with said accessed media file to receive said property data from a server when said determining whether a first identification parameter associated with said

media file is stored on said media player indicates said first identification parameter is not stored on said media player;

determining whether said property data is stored on said media player when said determining whether a first identification parameter associated with said media file is stored on said media player indicates said first identification parameter is stored on said media player;

submitting said first identification parameter associated with said accessed media file to receive said property data from a server when said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player indicates said property data is not stored on said media player;

determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player when said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player indicates said property data is stored on said media player;

submitting said first identification parameter associated with said accessed media file to receive said property data from a server when said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player indicates said artist ID is a known various artists value; and

rendering said property data on said media player when said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player indicates said artist ID is not a known various artists value.

Claim 21. (original) A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein each of said submittings further comprises retrieving said property data from said server.

Claim 22. (original) A method as set forth in claim 21 wherein each of said submittings further comprises rendering said property data on said media player.

Claim 23. (original) A method as set forth in claim 22 further comprising determining that said media file is accessed by said media player, said determining that said media file is accessed occurring before said determining whether a first identification parameter is stored on said media player.

Claim 24. (original) A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein said first identification parameter is a content ID associated with said accessed media file.

Claim 25. (original) A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein said second identification parameter is a table of contents (TOC) associated with said accessed media file.

Claim 26. (original) A method as set forth in claim 25 wherein said media file is stored on a compact disc.

Claims 27-43. (cancelled)

Claim 44. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for retrieving metadata for a media file accessible via a media player, said metadata including property data associated with said media file, said computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:
determining that said media file is accessed by said media player;
determining whether an identification parameter is stored on said media player;
determining whether property data is stored on said media player;
determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player;
submitting an identification parameter associated with said accessed media file to a server when said determining that said media file is accessed by said media player indicates that said media file is accessed by said media player; player, and

receiving from said server said property data corresponding to the accessed media file; and

caching said received property data with a collection ID when said determining whether said identification parameter is stored on said media player indicates that said identification parameter is stored on said media player, when said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player indicates that said property data is stored on said media player, and when said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player indicates that an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player, said determining whether said identification parameter is stored on said media player, said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player and said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player all occurring before said submitting.

Claim 45. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium as set forth in claim 44 further comprising computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising rendering said received property data on said media player for use by a user of said media player.

Claims 46 and 47. (canceled).

Claim 48. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium as set forth in claim 44 further comprising computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

determining whether a content ID associated with said accessed media file is stored on said media player, and

caching said received property data with a collection ID when said determining whether a content ID is stored on said media player indicates that said content ID is not stored on said media player, said determining whether a content ID associated with said accessed media file is not stored on said media player occurring before said submitting.

Claims 49-53. (canceled)

Claim 54. (currently amended) A computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium having stored thereon instructions for retrieving metadata for a media file accessible via a media player, said metadata including property data associated with said media file, said computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium comprising:

instructions for determining that said media file is accessed by said media player;

<u>instructions for determining whether an identification parameter is stored on said media player;</u>

<u>instructions for determining whether property data is stored on said media player;</u>

<u>instructions for determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player;</u>

instructions for submitting an identification parameter associated with said accessed media file to a server when said determining that said media file is accessed by said media player indicates that said media file is accessed by said media <u>player;</u> <s>player; and</s>

instructions for receiving from said server said property data corresponding to the accessed media file<u>; and</u>

<u>instructions for caching said received property data with a collection ID when said determining whether said identification parameter is stored on said media player indicates that said identification parameter is stored on said media player, when said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player indicates that said property data is stored on said media player, and when said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player indicates that an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player, said determining whether said identification parameter is stored on said media player, said determining whether said property data is stored on said media player and said determining whether an artist ID is a known various artists value on said media player all occurring before said submitting.</u>

Claims 55 and 56. (canceled)